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SUBJ: REACTION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE

1. LOCAL OFFICIAL REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP HAS BEEN LIMITED SO FAR TO INFORMAL REMARKS BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER AND OPPOSITION LEADER TO PRESS. MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GEORGE MOE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY SAID THAT GOB WAS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT AT THIS STAGE ON RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE AND THAT "THIS IS ONE WE ARE GOING TO SIT COOL ON." WHEN ASKED ABOUT ALLEGED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN CHILEAN COUP HE INDICATED ONE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE POSSIBILITY THAT ALLENDE'S PROGRAM HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS OVERTHROW.

2. OPPOSITION LEADER J.M.G. ADAMS IS QUOTED BY PRESS SEPTEMBER 19 AS STATING: "I MUCH REGRET THAT ANY DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE OR ELSEWHERE SHOULD BE EXTINGUISHED BY A MILITARY REVOLT. PRESIDENT ALLENDE HAD SHOWN IN A LIFETIME OF POLITICAL COURAGE AND INTEGRITY THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CHILEAN CONSTITUTION. IT MAY NOT BE GENERALLY REALIZED THAT HE WAS NOT IN PAR-

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LIAMENT IN ALLEGIANCE WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE,

BUT SOUGHT TO PURSUE A LEFT OF CENTRE ROAD IN ACHIEV-
ING NATIONAL SELF-RESPECT IN A COUNTRY WHOSE ECONOMY
HAD FOR SO LONG BEEN SUBJECT TO DOMINATION BY FORCES
FROM OUTSIDE ITS BORDERS...ALL DEMOCRATS EVERYWHERE
MUST BE SORRY THAT ALLENDE'S EFFORTS TO HOLD HIS GOVERN-
MENT TOGETHER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DECENT MEMBERS OF
THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES AND MODERATE ELEMENTS IN THE
COUNTRY, HAVE FAILED."
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